

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please amend claims 1, 7, 17, 20, 22, and 29 to read as follows:

1. (amended) An image pickup system comprising a commander, a video camera and a display device;
- wherein said commander includes:
- a microphone for obtaining an audio signal;
 - moving state detecting means for detecting movements of the commander brought about by the user;
 - command information storing means for storing a plurality of kinds of command information;
 - command information generating means for generating a plurality of kinds of command information which correspond to a plurality of different operations performed by a user, the generation of the command information being carried out on the basis of said plurality of kinds of command information which are stored in said command information storing means; said command information generating means generating command information based on the movements detected by said moving state detecting means; and
 - transmitting means for transmitting said audio signal and said command information as transmitted information;
- wherein said video camera includes:
- image pickup means for obtaining an image pickup signal by imaging an object;
 - receiving means for receiving said transmitted information;

recording and reproducing means for recording and reproducing said image pickup signal to an from a recording medium;

image information storing means for storing a plurality of kinds of image information;

display-ready video signal generating means for generating a display-ready video signal based on the image pickup signal reproduced from said recording medium by said recording and reproducing means and said image information; the display-ready video signal comprising the image pickup signal and a graphic user interface (GUI);

transmitting means for transmitting said display-ready video signal;

controlling means for controlling said image pickup means, said recording and reproducing means and said display-ready video signal generating means in accordance with any one of a plurality of operation modes; and

an operation mode setting switch for setting one of said plurality of operation modes; and

wherein said display device includes:

receiving means for receiving said display-ready video signal transmitted from said transmitting means of said video camera; and

displaying means for displaying an image represented by the received display-ready video signal.

7. (amended) An image pickup system according to claim 1, wherein said image information storing means stores a plurality of kinds of image information constituting a graphic user interface capability; the display-ready video signal being generated at said video camera by

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combining the image which is currently captured with the GUI image information prior to being transmitted to the display device.

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(amended) An image pickup system according to claim 1, wherein, in accordance with each of said plurality of operating modes, said controlling means accepts the command information part of the information received by said receiving means and ignores the remainder of the received information.

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(amended) An image pickup apparatus comprising:
image pickup means for obtaining an image pickup signal by imaging an object;
receiving means for receiving a signal which is supplied from an external device and which includes command information;
wherein said external device is a commander, having:
moving state detecting means for detecting movements of the commander brought about by the user;
command information storing means for storing a plurality of kinds of command information;
command information generating means for generating a plurality of kinds of command information which correspond to a plurality of different operations performed by a user, the generation of the command information being carried out on the basis of said plurality of kinds of command information which are stored in said command information storing means; said command information generating

means generating command information based on the movements detected by said moving state detecting means; and

transmitting means for transmitting an audio signal and said command information as transmitted information;

recording and reproducing means for recording and reproducing said image pickup signal to and from a recording medium;

image information storing means for storing a plurality of kinds of image information;

display-ready video signal generating means for generating a display-ready video signal based on the image pickup signal reproduced from said recording medium by said recording and reproducing means and said image information;

transmitting means for transmitting said display-ready video signal;

controlling means for controlling said image pickup means, said recording and reproducing means and said display-ready video signal generating means in accordance with any one of a plurality of operation modes; and

an operation mode setting switch for setting one of said plurality of operation modes.

81 22 (amended) An image pickup apparatus according to claim 20, wherein said image information storing means stores a plurality of kinds of image information constituting a graphic user interface capability; the display-ready video signal being generated at said image pickup apparatus by combining the image which is currently captured with the GUI image information prior to being transmitted to the display device.

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²⁹₂₈ (amended) An image pickup apparatus according to claim ¹⁹₂₀, wherein, in accordance with each of said plurality of operating modes, said controlling means accepts the command information part of the information received by said receiving means and ignores the remainder of the received information.